

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 731

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kaitlin Dudley for her accomplishments during her basketball career and upon the retirement of her Gibson County High School basketball jersey.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional athletes and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kaitlin Dudley, whose Gibson County High School (GCHS) Lady Pioneers #11 basketball jersey was officially retired, a most befitting recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in the arena of sports as a student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, this humbling honor is bestowed on those few exceptional athletes whose dazzling feats in the sporting arena have caused them to shine brightly in the eyes of their many fans and supporters; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Dudley starred as an extraordinary guard on the GCHS basketball team from 2002 until 2006 and is the school's second all-time leading scorer with 2,201 career points; and

WHEREAS, as an All-State guard, she excelled at her position and led the Lady Pioneers to the state tournament in 2003 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she was selected three times to the All-District team, three times to the All-Region team, two times to the All-West Tennessee team, and three times to the All-State team; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding student as well, after graduation from GCHS Ms. Dudley displayed her athletic prowess and many talents on the collegiate level while starring as a guard for Union University; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Dudley, a woman of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and she is admired by her fellow Tennesseans for her tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of her daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family and friends of Kaitlin Dudley in congratulating her upon the retirement of her Gibson County High School Lady Pioneers #11 basketball jersey, commend her for her substantial legacy as a student-athlete, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that she has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.